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Dear Friends:

I am asking that you please consider sending the attached letter to EBMUD by October 13th. We are entering into a critical time frame which the Board of Directors will be making decisions impacting our future water supply to the year 2040.

There are some individuals and organizations that believe the only option open to EBMUD is to have much great rationing of water, and to price the water more than THREE TIMES what it costs today. I do not support this as an option, however there are some Board Members who do support this direction.

The letter essentially asks that the Board to consider all options, and to not limit future choices to meet the demand for water years from now. If you need to change the wording that is fine, and if you feel you cannot send a letter, I understand that too.

The letter could be sent as it is, or on personal or company letterhead.

Thank you very much for even considering such a request.

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Board of Directors
EBMUD 375 11th Street
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Dear Board Members:

I have reviewed the Preferred Portfolio that has resulted from the Water Supply Management Plan (W5MP) 2040 study and would like to express my support of the Preferred Portfolio and its flexibility.

As I see it, the Preferred Portfolio will meet long-term water supply needs and stretch the use of existing water supplies to the greatest extent possible. It includes conserving existing supplies to the maximum cost-effective amount, an aggressive water recycling program, water transfers that will maximize the use of existing infrastructure, and a regional desalination project in partnership with three other Bay Area water agencies. It also includes several groundwater storage projects both locally and in San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties, as well as an enlargement of two existing surface water supplies in the Mokelumne River watershed.

Given the anticipated growth of EBMUD's service region during the next 30 or more years and forecasts for global warning that may have an unpredictable effect on the volume and predictability of rainfall, I believe the District should pursue projects that reduce the need for water and provide more approaches and sources that impart a high level of flexibility in an ever evolving and changing environment.

I believe the Preferred Portfolio described in the WSMP provides these benefits and urge the EBMUD to adopt it. At this early stage any actions that would reduce EBMUD's flexibility and reliability do not make sense. I realize the Programmatic EIR is a high level exploratory study, and each of the identified projects will be further analyzed and evaluated through project level environmental documentation in the future. These detailed evaluations will ultimately determine the viability of these projects and whether or not they will be implemented.

The Preferred Portfolio is a strong plan that will provide our residents and common constituents with long-term water supply reliability and flexibility to adapt to future uncertainties.

Sincerely,

cc: Gregory L. Chan, EBMUD